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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USINT OPINION ON TRAVEL TO BAGHDAD

BY U.S. CITIZEN OF IRAQI ORIGIN

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD FOR ACTION

1. AMCIT, BORN IRAQ OF IRAQI FATHER AND GREEK MOTHER, REQUESTS DEPARTMENT OPINION RE ADVISABILITY EMERGENCY VISIT TO MOTHER IN BAGHDAD FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION OF FATHER'S DEATH. SUBJECT NOW MOTHER'S SOLE SUPPORT; HE SAYS HIS HELP URGENTLY NEEDED TO SETTLE AFFAIRS IN BAGHDAD. SUBJECT HOPES TO GO TO BAGHDAD, SETTLE AFFAIRS, AND DEPART FOR U.S. WITH MOTHER VIA GREECE. REQUEST USINT'S OPINION ASAP ON SUBJECT'S PROSPECTS FOR UNHINDERED VISIT TO BAGHDAD BASED ON THIS AND FOLLOWING DATA. SUBJECT REQUESTED NAME NOT BE USED AND NO INQUIRY MADE OF FONMIN.

2. SUBJECT ORIGINALLY LEFT IRAQ AS STUDENT, AGE 19, ABOUT 1961. HAS NOT RETURNED TO IRAQ SINCE. SPENT SOME TIME WITH AUNT IN INDIA; SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVELLED GERMANY AND THEN U.S. IN U.S. APPROXIMATELY 7 YEARS. CLAIMS HAS NO DEBTS IN IRAQ, BUT HAD NOT REPEAT NOT FULFILLED MILITARY OBLIGATION BEFORE LEAVING.

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3. SUBJECT CLEARLY FRIGHTENED AT PROSPECT OF RETURN TO

IRAQ, THOUGH CLAIMS TO KNOW OF OTHER AMCITS OF IRAQI ORIGIN

WHO TRAVELLED TO IRAQ AND RETURNED U.S. WITH NO TROUBLE.
CHECK HERE OF IRAQI CITIZENSHIP LAW INDICATES SUBJECT HAS
LOST IRAQI CITIZENSHIP BY ACQUIRING U.S. CITIZENSHIP,
BUT LAW UNCLEAR RE EXTENT OF IRAQI CLAIM ON HIM SHOULD HE
RETURN.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE RE POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT'S
BEING ALLOWED VISIT IRAQ AND RETURN TO U.S. INGERSOLL

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